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THE SECRET SATURDAYS
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THE INDIAN OCEAN...
YOU CAN DROP THE NET, MUNYA!
YOU'VE LOST, ARGOST. THE MERMAID'S GOING BACK WHERE IT BELONGS, NOT TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL SIDESHOW!
GRAAARR!
I CONCEDE YOU YOUR VICTORY REGARDING THE MERMAID...
BUT I'M AFRAID THAT SOME COMPENSATION IS IN ORDER TO MAKE AMENDS FOR MY LOSS.
HSSSSS!
I BID YOU ADIEU, SATURDAYS.
ESCAPE FROM WEIRD WORLD
KOMODO!
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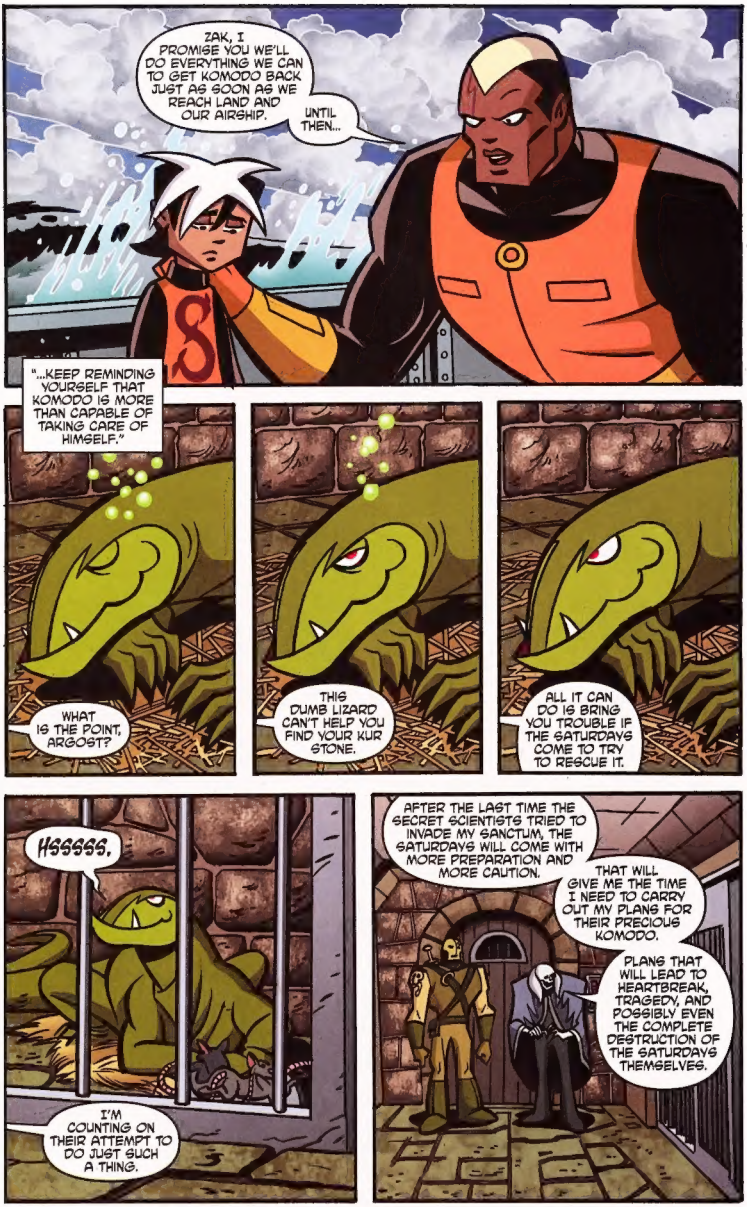
ZAK, I PROMISE YOU WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET KOMODO BACK JUST AS SOON AS WE REACH LAND AND OUR AIRSHIP.
UNTIL THEN...
"...KEEP REMINDING YOURSELF THAT KOMODO IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF."
WHAT IS THE POINT, ARGOST?
THIS DUMB LIZARD CAN'T HELP YOU FIND YOUR KUR STONE.
ALL IT CAN DO IS BRING YOU TROUBLE IF THE SATURDAYS COME TO TRY TO RESCUE IT.
HSSSSS.
I'M COUNTING ON THEIR ATTEMPT TO DO JUST SUCH A THING.
AFTER THE LAST TIME THE SECRET SCIENTISTS TRIED TO INVADE MY SANCTUM, THE SATURDAYS WILL COME WITH MORE PREPARATION AND MORE CAUTION.
THAT WILL GIVE ME THE TIME I NEED TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS FOR THEIR PRECIOUS KOMODO.
PLANS THAT WILL LEAD TO HEARTBREAK, TRAGEDY, AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE SATURDAYS THEMSELVES.

LATER...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
HSSSSS.
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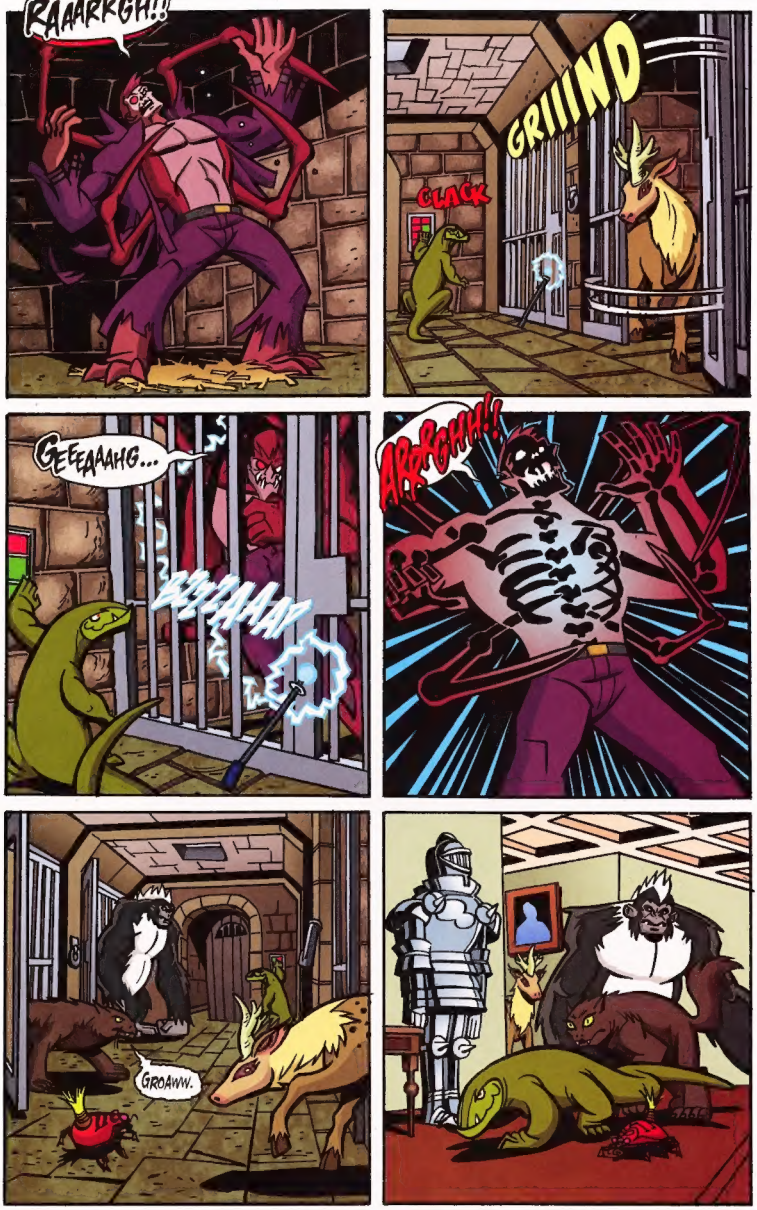
THWUP
CLACK
CLANG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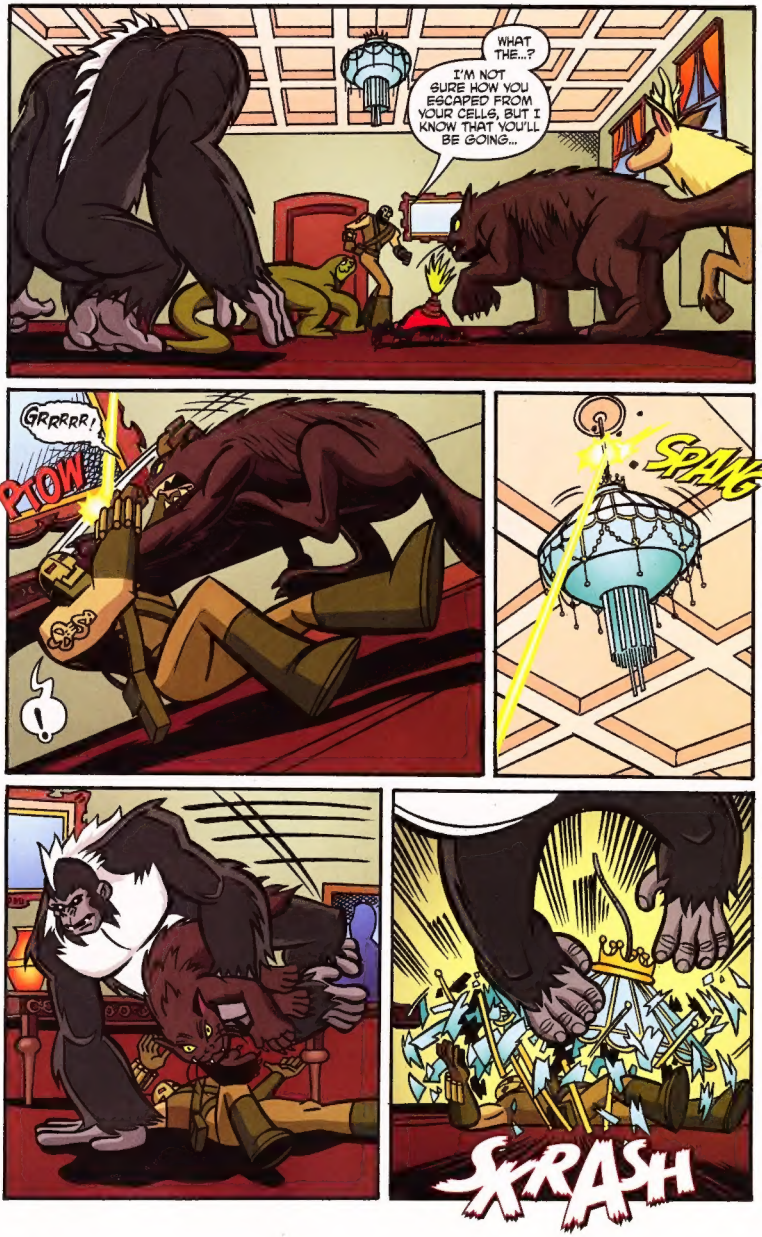
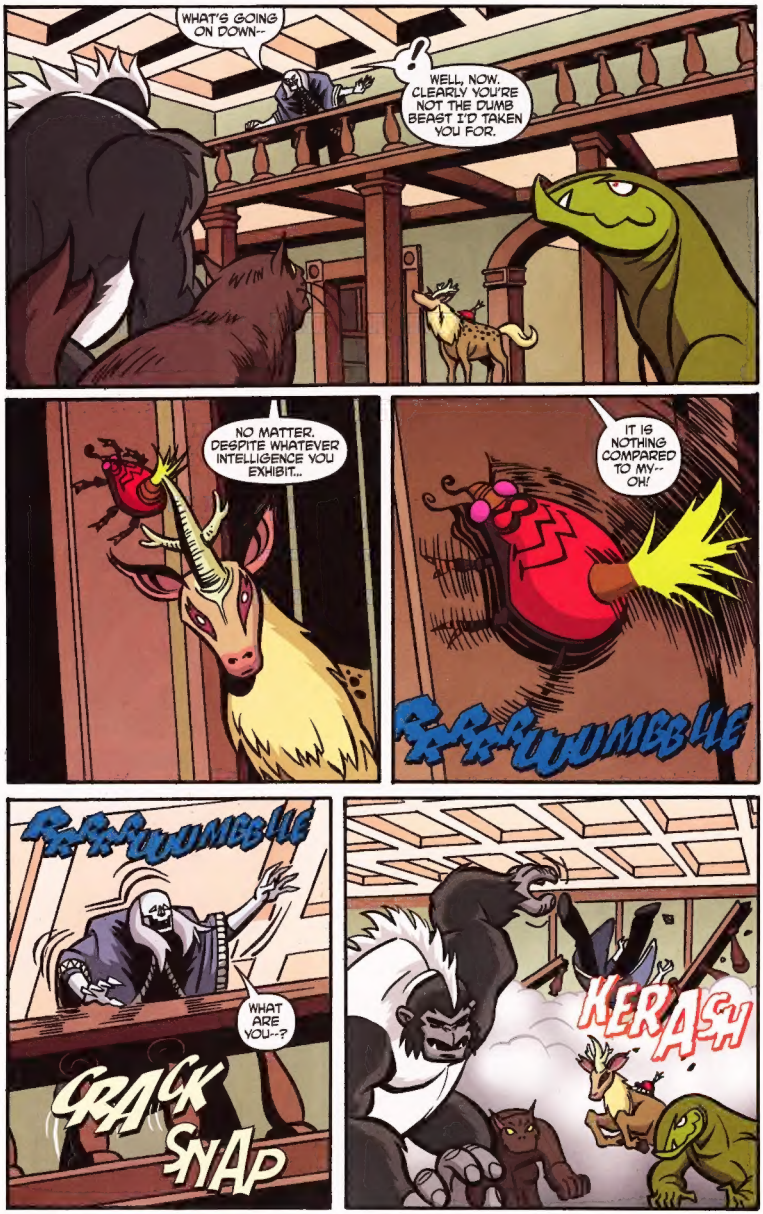
GRIIIND
CLACK
GEEEAAAHG...
ARRGHH!!
GROAWW.


WHAT THE...?
I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU ESCAPED FROM YOUR CELLS, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE GOING...
GRRRRR!
PTOW
!
SPANG
SKRASH


WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN--
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WELL, NOW. CLEARLY YOU'RE NOT THE DUMB BEAST I'D TAKEN YOU FOR.
NO MATTER. DESPITE WHATEVER INTELLIGENCE YOU EXHIBIT...
IT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY-- OH!
RRRRUUUMBBLE
RRRRUUUMBBLE
WHAT ARE YOU--?
CRACK
SNAP
KERASH

THERE'S NO DOUBT ARGOST KNOWS WE'LL TRY TO RESCUE KOMODO, SO HE'LL BE READY FOR US.
WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. MIRANDA, YOU AND DR. BEEMAN ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME THE SECRET SCIENTISTS INVADED ARGOST'S DOMAIN, SO I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH--
SHH. SOMETHING'S COMING.
RUSTLE
KOMODO!
AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU, BOY!
REEGA TWOO.
IT LOOKS LIKE KOMODO MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS.
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T GET THEM BACK TO THEIR HOMES AS WELL.
YOU DID GREAT, KOMODO.
I'M PROUD OF YOU.
END

CYPITIPEDIA ENTRY: ESCAPE FROM WEIRD WORLD

THE SKUNK APE IS SO NAMED FOR THE BLACK AND WHITE COLORING OF ITS COAT OF TWO-INCH LONG HAIR BUT PRIMARILY FOR THE STRONG UNPLEASANT ODOR ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
RESEMBLING A BLACK AND WHITE ORANGUTAN, THE SKUNK APE IS SAID TO BE BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT FEET TALL, WEIGH MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED POUNDS AND IS BIPEDAL.
FLORIDA
HIALEAH
MIAMI
THE EVERGLADES
GULF OF MEXICO
HOMESTEAD
KEY LARGO
WHILE SIGHTINGS HAVE RANGED AS FAR AS OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS, AND NORTH CAROLINA, IT HAS MAINLY BEEN SIGHTED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES REGION, EARNING IT THE NICKNAME "FLORIDA'S BIGFOOT."
SKUNK APE

LARGE COLORFUL BEETLE WITH RED ON RED MARKINGS AND AN ABDOMEN APPENDAGE SUGGESTING A PALM TREE, OR A LIT FUSE.
ALSO KNOWN AS "THE EARTHQUAKE BEETLE," THE FIST-SIZED JINSHIN-MUSHI VIBRATES ITS BODY IN ORDER TO BURROW, OR TO DRIVE PREY INSECTS OUT FROM BENEATH ROCKS, LOGS, OR WITHIN LIVING TREES.
JAPAN
HIROSHIMA
YAMAGUCHI
FUKUOKA
NAGASAKI
MIYAZAKI
KAGOSHIMA
PHILIPPINE SEA
THEY ARE NATIVE TO JAPAN, WITH MOST ENCOUNTERS OCCURRING IN THE SOUTH.
GROUPS OF THESE BEETLES, AND ON OCCASION, LONE JINSHIN-MUSHI ARE CAPABLE OF SHATTERING TREES AND BOULDERS, CAUSING AVALANCHES, OR EVEN COLLAPSING BUILDINGS, HENCE THEIR NICKNAME.
JINSHIN-MUSHI

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THE SECRET SATURDAYS CREATED BY JAY STEPHENS

THIS SHY SINGLE HORNED, DEER-LIKE ANIMAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS "THE CHINESE UNICORN."

JAPANESE WOODCUT

NATIVE TO CHINA, IT IS VIEWED, ALONG WITH THE PHOENIX, TORTOISE, AND DRAGON, AS ONE OF THE SSU LING, OR FOUR SPIRITUAL CREATURES OF CHINA.

THE KI-LIN PERSONIFIES ALL THAT IS GOOD, PURE, AND PERCEFUL, AND INDEED THIS GENTLE CREATURE STEPS SO SOFTLY THAT IT LEAVES NO FOOTPRINTS AND CRUSHES NO LIVING THING. IT IS BELIEVED TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE, BUT TO HARM ONE WILL BRING ONLY DISASTER.

KI-LIN

THE GULO IS SAID TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SMALL DOG AND COVERED IN A THICK COAT OF SHAGGY BROWN FUR. IT HAS A LONG FOX-LIKE TAIL, A CAT-LIKE FACE AND LONG SHARP CLAWS.

THIS IS A FEROCIOUS CREATURE WITH AN INSATIABLE APPETITE. IT OFTEN PREYS ON ANIMALS FAR BIGGER THAN ITSELF AND WILL TRY TO CONSUME THEM COMPLETELY IN ONE SITTING.

UMEA

SUNDSVALL

STOCKHOLM

HALMSTAD

MALMO

THE GULO IS NATIVE TO SWEDEN AND RARELY SEEN.

GULON

THE BEHAVIOR AND APPEARANCE OF THIS CRYPTID MAKE GIVEN THE WOLVERINE ITS SCIENTIFIC NAME (GULO GULO).

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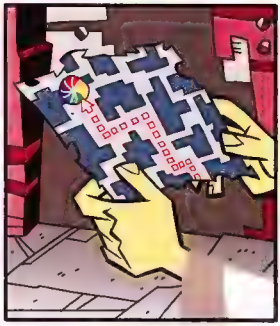

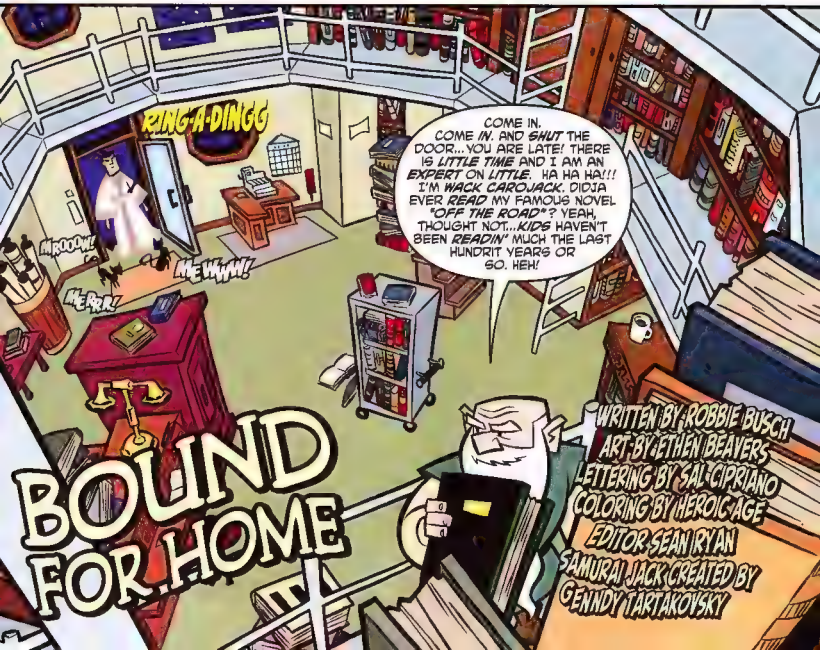
RING-A-DINGG
COME IN. COME IN. AND SHUT THE DOOR... YOU ARE LATE! THERE IS LITTLE TIME AND I AM AN EXPERT ON LITTLE. HA HA HA!!! I'M WACK CAROJACK. DIDJA EVER READ MY FAMOUS NOVEL "OFF THE ROAD"? YEAH, THOUGHT NOT...KIDS HAVEN'T BEEN READIN' MUCH THE LAST HUNDRIT YEARS OR SO. HEH!
AHOOOOY!
HEEHAW!
HEEEK!
BOUND FOR HOME
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HEY HEY! SAMMY IN THE RYE JACK! CHECK OUT THIS TINY TOME! PEEP PAGES 663-670. I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHIN' YOU'LL DIG. DIG?
FWOOF
UH!
YEPPERS! I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, JACK-O! BEEN WAITIN' FOR THIS NIGHT FOR SOME TIME TOO. I'VE GOT A ROAD LESS TRAVELED FOR YOUR FEET ONLY IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT.
CHECK YOUR HEAD AT THE DOOR, SAM-O! THIS IS THE REALNESS RIGHT HERE!
RIP
THE DOOR YOU BEEN LOOKIN' FOR! HOME AGAIN, HOME AGAIN, NO JIG REQUIRED.
WOOOSH
WOOOSH!!!
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE WOKEN SOME DUST DEVILS! WELL, THEY COME FREE OF CHARGE WITH THE BOOKS. HA HA!!!

AHHHHHA!
I AM THE ORIGINAL DUST DEVIL AND YOU WILL DIE FREE OF CHARGE, OLD MAN!
HURRY, JACK-O! THE VORTEX WILL ONLY STAY OPEN FOR ELEVEN MINUTES! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I CAN HANDLE AK-AK-AAAKKKKK...
TZZZING
FOOLISH LITTLE SAMURAI! HA HA HA!!!
SLICE
UH! NO, JACK!
I AM POWERLESS WITHOUT MY BEARD! IT IS FULL OF AN ANCIENT MAGIC!

YOUR BEARD IS USELESS HAIR NOW, OLD MAN! HA HA HA...
AAAAA-CHOOO! AAAAA-KUUU! AKU!!!
BE COOL CATS!
KAAARROOOM
BLAAAAAM

TZZZING
LOOK OUT JACK!
GIMME MY BEARD, YA FUZZBALLS!
MMRROOOW!
MEEAAH H-HA HA HAA!
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YA, JACK-O, BUT I THINK MY BEARD IS MIGHTIER THAN YOUR SWORD!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THOSE CATS OFF THE AKU DUST!
FFFTZZZAP
UGH!
I'M THINKIN' IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BUST SOME DUST!
MEHP! MERP! MROWWW!

MEEOWRRR
WHOOSH

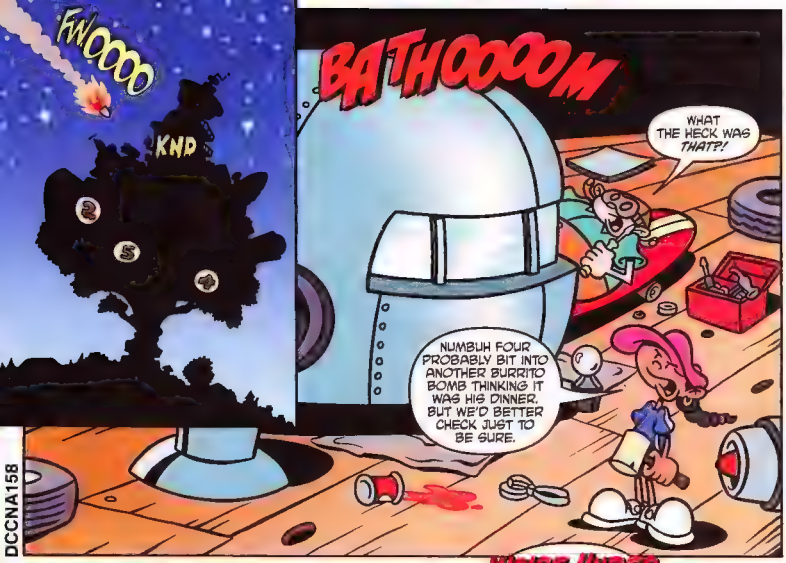
HOLD ON TO THOSE SWINGIN' CATS! THIS IS GOING TO SUCK!
MEOOWW-- NO!

NOOOOOOO!

JACK! WE'VE GOTTA DUMP THE DUST IN THE VORTEX! IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
AAAAA!

THIS IS NOT THE END, LITTLE SAMURAI! I MAY BE LEAVING AS DUST, BUT I WILL RETURN IN A MORE POWERFUL FORM!
FIZZING

HA HA HA!
ONE CHAPTER ENDS... ANOTHER BEGINS, MY FRIEND. PERHAPS I WILL OPEN UP AN INTERNET CAFE THIS TIME. AND YOU? OF COURSE THERE ARE MANY MORE ROADS FOR YOU TO TRAVEL, EH? YEAH.
PURRRR...
NEVER THE END...


FWOOOO
KND
BATHOOOOM
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!
NUMBUH FOUR PROBABLY BIT INTO ANOTHER BURRITO BOMB THINKING IT WAS HIS DINNER. BUT WE'D BETTER CHECK JUST TO BE SURE.

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WARNING! YOU ARE READING THE SOOPER-CLASSIFIED MISSION FILES OF THE KIDS NEXT DOOR, A TEAM OF FIVE EXCEPTIONAL TEN-YEAR-OLDS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING THE TYRANNY OF ADULTS WHEREVER IT REARS ITS WRINKLY HEAD! THE SECRET'S OUT! ARE YOU IN?

CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR

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STICKYBEARD AND HIS CANDY PIRATES HAVE INFILTRATED THE TREEHOUSE AND THEY'RE LOOTING THE CANDY STORAGE FACILITY!
GET DOWN THERE AND HOLD THEM OFF WHILE I GATHER THE REST OF THE TEAM!
MAN, NUMBUH FIVE TOLD STICKYBUTT HE'D BETTER KEEP HIS MITTS OFFA NUMBUH FIVE'S CANDY!
SO LET'S GET HIM! WHOOOO-HOOOO!
HEH HEH HEH...
NOW WITH THOSE FOOLS OUT OF THE WAY...
WE CAN SABOTAGE THE KND'S HEADQUARTERS FROM WITHIN! FOR WE ARE...
THE INTERESTING TWINS FROM BENEATH THE MOUNTAIN--MASTERS OF DISGUISE!

TIME TO TEASE YOUR BRAIN WITH ANOTHER

SUPER FRIENDS SUPER STUMPER

BY
SHOLLY FISCH & TY TEMPLETON

THAT OUTFIT WON'T GET AMAZO ON THE BEST-DRESSED LIST--
--BUT HE'S ALREADY NUMBER ONE ON THE MOST WANTED LIST!
AMAZO'S WEARING TWO PIECES OF EACH OF OUR UNIFORMS. CAN YOU RETURN EACH PIECE TO THE SUPER FRIEND WHO OWNS IT?
WHEN YOU'RE DONE, TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN TO CHECK IF YOU'RE RIGHT.

ANSWERS:
BATMAN'S MASK AND LEFT GLOVE.
WONDER WOMAN'S LASSO AND RIGHT BOOT. AQUAMAN'S SHIRT AND BELT.
SUPERMAN'S CAPE AND LEFT BOOT.
GREEN LANTERN'S RING AND INSIGNIA.
FLASH'S EARPIECE AND RIGHT GLOVE.

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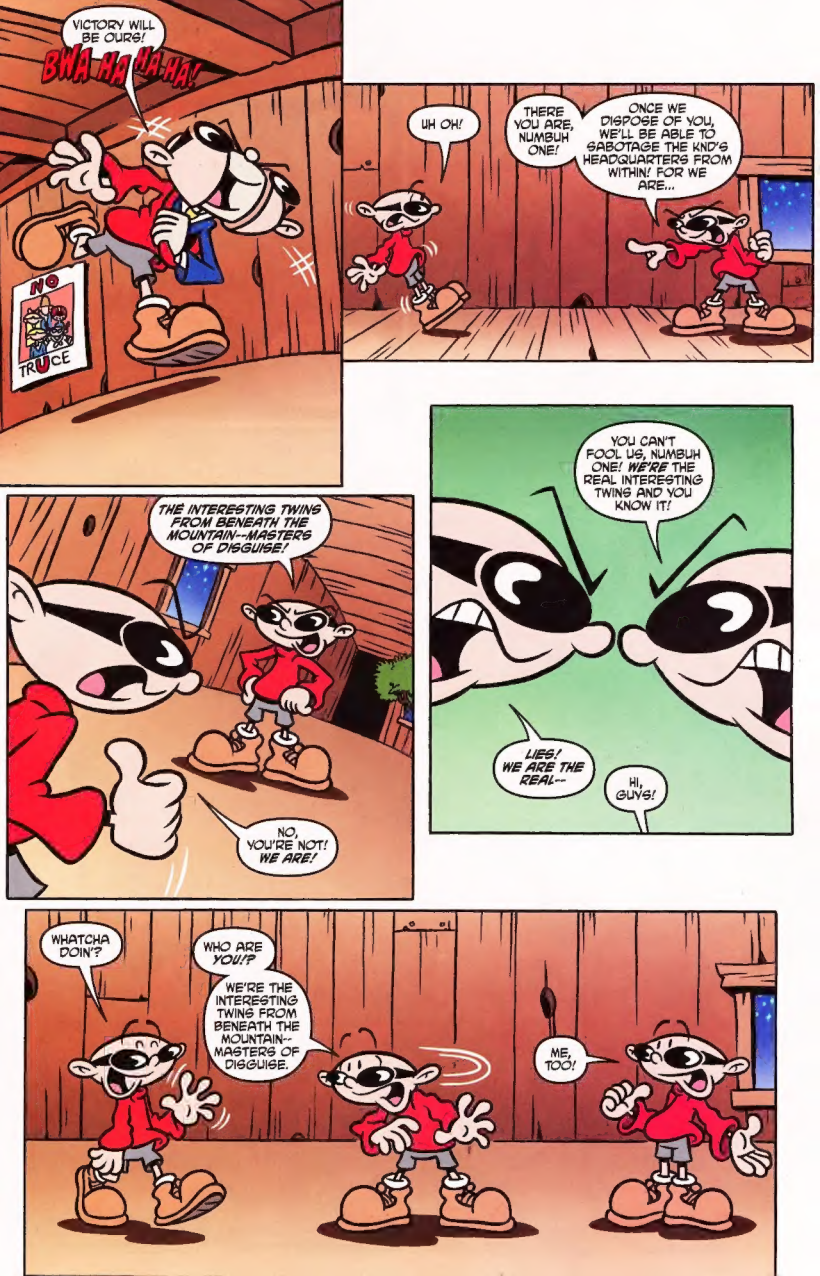
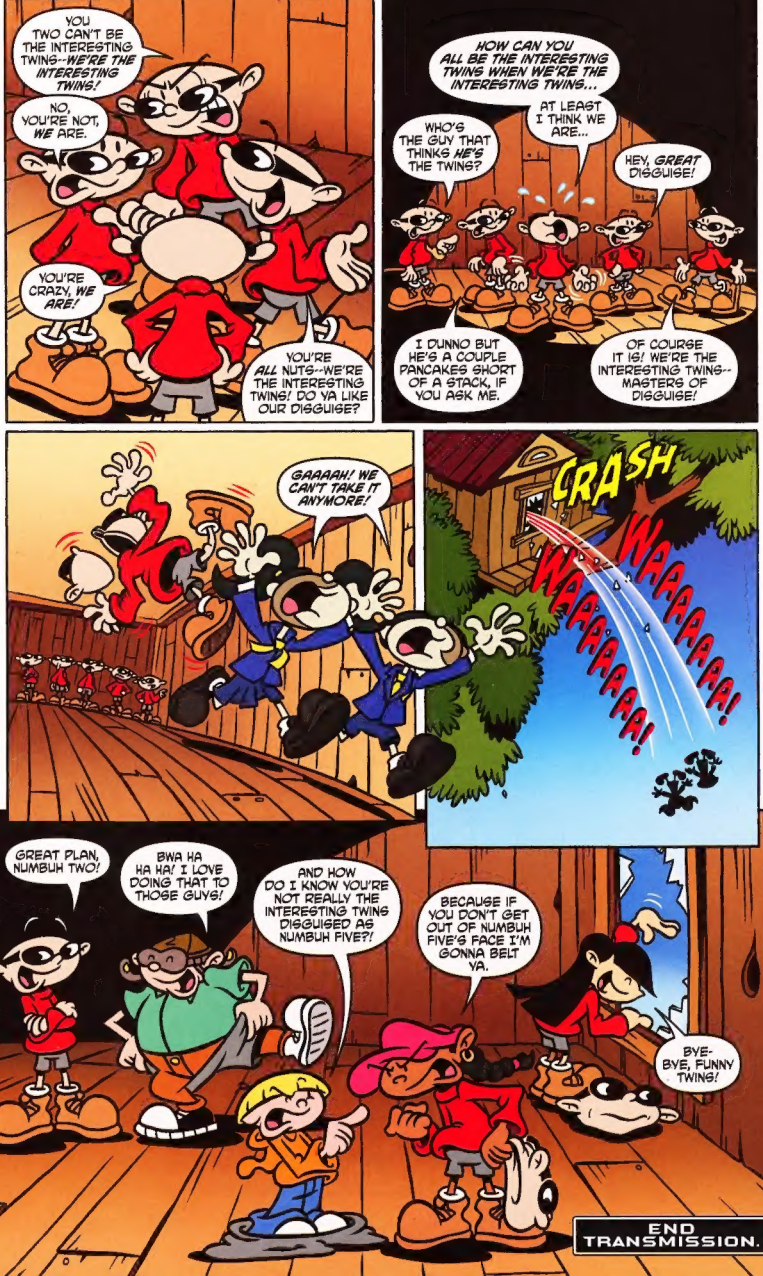

VICTORY WILL BE OURS!
BWA-HA-HA-HA!
NO TRUCE
UH OH!
THERE YOU ARE, NUMBUH ONE!
ONCE WE DISPOSE OF YOU, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SABOTAGE THE KND'S HEADQUARTERS FROM WITHIN! FOR WE ARE...
YOU CAN'T FOOL US, NUMBUH ONE! WE'RE THE REAL INTERESTING TWINS AND YOU KNOW IT!
LIES! WE ARE THE REAL--
HI, GUYS!
THE INTERESTING TWINS FROM BENEATH THE MOUNTAIN--MASTERS OF DISGUISE!
NO, YOU'RE NOT! WE ARE!
WHATCHA DOIN'?
WHO ARE YOU!?
WE'RE THE INTERESTING TWINS FROM BENEATH THE MOUNTAIN--MASTERS OF DISGUISE.
ME, TOO!


YOU TWO CAN'T BE THE INTERESTING TWINS--WE'RE THE INTERESTING TWINS!
NO, YOU'RE NOT, WE ARE.
YOU'RE CRAZY, WE ARE!
YOU'RE ALL NUTS--WE'RE THE INTERESTING TWINS! DO YA LIKE OUR DISGUISE?
HOW CAN YOU ALL BE THE INTERESTING TWINS WHEN WE'RE THE INTERESTING TWINS...
AT LEAST I THINK WE ARE...
WHO'S THE GUY THAT THINKS HE'S THE TWINS?
HEY, GREAT DISGUISE!
I DUNNO BUT HE'S A COUPLE PANCAKES SHORT OF A STACK, IF YOU ASK ME.
OF COURSE IT IS! WE'RE THE INTERESTING TWINS--MASTERS OF DISGUISE!
GAAAAH! WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
CRASH
WAAAAAAAAA!
WAAAAAAAA!
GREAT PLAN, NUMBUH TWO!
BWA HA HA HA! I LOVE DOING THAT TO THOSE GUYS!
AND HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY THE INTERESTING TWINS DISGUISED AS NUMBUH FIVE?!
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T GET OUT OF NUMBUH FIVE'S FACE I'M GONNA BELT YA.
BYE-BYE, FUNNY TWINS!
END TRANSMISSION.

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

Holy Hibagon! It's action time again for THE SECRET SATURDAYS with brand-new episodes starting on April 10th. But you'd better do your research first! Tune in extra-early on premiere day for an exciting 10-episode marathon and learn all of The Saturdays' secrets.

Dear Johnny DC,

I found this picture on the Internet and I thought it was really cool, so I drew it. It's Zack with the claw!

I wrote this letter to be in the comics. Oh, and I'm a big fan of your comics.

Ian Brenner, age 10
Gilmer, Texas

I'm a big fan of people who write letters to be in my comics!

Speaking of which, Findlay Mulligan sent a bunch of drawings that appeared here a couple of months ago – and one of them found its way into CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY #55!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY IAN BRENNER

Dear Johnny DC,

I'm writing for the first time, and I'm wondering if there is going to be a CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK about Alien X or KIDS NEXT DOOR – "Operation Z.E.R.O." Can you put when Samurai Jack gets chased by some monkeys that are good hunters? Thanks!

Malik Rucker, age 9
Nashville, Tennessee

Good questions! Alien X is very dangerous for Ben to turn into — he almost got trapped inside forever last time — so he'll be steering clear of that alien for as long as he can. "Operation Z.E.R.O." was a movie, so that's too long to put in a comic book story.

But we at DC love monkeys – did you read SUPER FRIENDS #5 or TINY TITANS #9?
— Johnny DC

"HEATBLAST AND MORE" BY BRENDAN DONAHUE, AGE 6

Dear Johnny DC,

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #23 had three solid stories. Starting with SAMURAI JACK, hiccups that won't go away are something the average reader can identify with. In that cornfield scene, either the Wizard of Oz is happening in the wrong place, or one of Batman's enemies took a wrong turn.

Well, in "Captured," for once, the kids bailed out Grandpa instead of vice versa. The wacky bad guys were very funny.

"The Once and Future Ben" looked like a setup for the switchover in the TV series from elementary school to high school. And I caught the Jellystone Park sign. At least there are SOME fans left!

Charles D. Brown
Brentwood, New York

We've seen Ben in at least four phases of his life, from age 10 to father of a 10-year-old. But a sign that says "Jellystone?" We must have made a boo-boo!
— Johnny DC

Dear Johnny DC,

Me and my brothers love BEN 10. It's like the coolest thing in the world. But there's something weird about it. They say that Ben can turn into ten aliens, but he can really turn into 910 – plus more.

Have a good day,
Will Schwartz, age 8
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ben can only choose from ten aliens – at a time. He has a different batch of ten, now, than from when he first found the Omnitrix!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY WILL SCHWARTZ

Write to Johnny DC!

JOHNNY DC--
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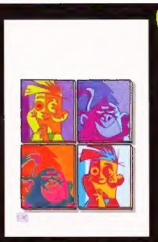
SUPER FRIENDS #14
The alien Kanjar Ro has frozen the Super Friends, but now he'll have to face the Super PETS!



CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY #56
Jake's art makes him famous, Wilt tries some new tricks, and Billy and Mandy mess with Father Time!

LOONEY TUNES #173
Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote rumble in a good old-fashioned snow fight!

BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #4
Thanks to the Time Lord known as Rip Hunter, Batman and Aquaman might never return to the present!

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #36
Komodo is captured, Samurai Jack shops for a way home, and the KND face the masters of disguise!

TINY TITANS #15
Our magical friend Zatara visits the Titans' Treehouse and brings some new fuzzy friends.

SCOOBY-DOO #143
The Scooby Gang has to find the secret behind the Wicked Witch of the West Wing of the White House!

SUPERGIRL: COSMIC ADVENTURES IN THE 8TH GRADE #5
It's graduation day, the whole gang is here, and the cosmic craziness is about to get way out of hand!

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